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VIA ECF and email

Honorable Kenneth M. Karas  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
The Hon. Charles L. Brieant Jr.  
Federal Building and United States Courthouse  
300 Quarropas St.  
White Plains, NY 10601-4150

Re: United States v. Joel Koppel, Case No. 14-CR-741 (KMK)

Dear Judge Karas:

This firm represents Joel Koppel in the referenced matter. I write to respectfully request permission for Mr. Koppel to travel to Hungary for a religious trip with members of his family, for four days, departing February 2, 2019. If permission is granted, Mr. Koppel will provide his precise itinerary to the Probation Department prior to departure. The purpose of the proposed travel is to visit the privately-owned residence and grave of an historical rabbi.

We are cognizant of the Court's directive that applications for international travel be made on five days notice. The reason that we did not make this application earlier is because Mr. Koppel was just invited on this trip yesterday. We note that Mr. Koppel's term of probation will be complete in approximately two weeks, and that he has a perfect record of compliance with all conditions.

I have conferred with the assigned probation officer, who objects to the proposed travel due to the timing of the application. I have also conferred with A.U.S.A. Kathryn Martin on behalf of the government, who takes no position on the request.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

S/HEM

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